GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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IRRIGATED UNIRRIGATED AREAS .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the irrigated/unirrigated areas of the country in hectares alongwith the factual details in this regard; State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have initiated any concrete programme for irrigating the unirrigated areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The state-wise details of irrigated/ unirrigated areas of the country are given in annexure.

(b & c) : The following important schemes/programme are being implemented by the Government to expand irrigated areas:

(i) A centrally sponsored scheme "Command Area Development" (CAD) was initiatedwith the basic objective of bridging the gap between irrigation potential created and that utilised so as to increase agriculture production from the irrigated commands. The scheme, inter-alia, envisages the following:

? construction of field channels,
? land leveling and shaping,
? implementation of warabandi for rotational supply of water,
? construction of field drains,
? adoption of drip and sprinkler systems,
? conjunctive use of surface and ground water.

(ii) The Government of India is implementing Accelerated Irrigation BenefitsProgramme(AIBP) since 1996-97, under which the Central Government provided

Central Loan Assistance on matching basis to the State Governments for earlycompletion of their selected large irrigation and multi purpose projects. In 1999-2000, pattern of assistance was liberalised and assistance under this scheme is being extended for Minor Irrigation Projects of North Eastern States, Hilly States and droughtprone districts of Orissa. The revised funding pattern for general category States is in the ratio of 2:1 (share of Centre and States) whereas the pattern of funding for specialcategory States of North Eastern States, Hilly States, Jammu & Kashmir, HimachalPradesh, Sikkim and for selected districts of Orissa is in the ratio of 3:1 (Centre :State). The Central Loan Assistance of Rs 1460.60 crores was released during 1999-2000.

(iii) Rural Infrastructural Development Fund (RIDF) was launched under the aegis ofNational Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for providing loans toState Governments to attend to the needs of rural infrastructure including ongoing irrigation projects, watershed development, soil conservation, flood control, drainage, roads and bridges etc.

Annexure

Irrigated and Unirrigated Area Under major States during 1996-97

('000 hectares)

State/Union Territory	Net Irrigated Area	Un-irrigated Area	Net Area sown
Andhra Pradesh	4395	6439	10834
Arunachal Pradesh	36	149	185
Bihar	3624	3713	7337

Gujarat	3042	6558	9600
Haryana	2755	860	3615
Himachal Pradesh	105	453	558
Jammu & Kashmir	313	420	733
Karnataka	2325	8285	10610
Kerala	357	1912	2269
Madhya Pradesh	6399	13395	19794
Maharashtra	2567@	15309	17876
Orissa	2090@	3878	5968
Punjab	3847	292	4139
Rajasthan	5588	11202	16790
Tamil Nadu	2892	2594	5486
Uttar Pradesh	11999	5476	17475
West Bengal	1911	3552	5463
All India	55143	87676	142819

@ Relates to 1993-94

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